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DEPT PASS NTSB

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, ASAF, SA

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: CRASH OF US-REGISTERED HELICOPTER

1. NTSB INVESTIGATOR WILLIAM LAMB DEPARTED DHAHRAN
ON AUGUST 6
FOR TEHRAN AFTER PARTICIPATING IN PREPARATION OF PRELIMINARY
ACCIDENT
REPORT ON JULY 28 HELICOPTER CRASH NEAR JUBAIL. FAA INSPECTOR
BARTHOLOMEW CROTTY DEPARTED FOR ROME 0630 AUGUST 7.

2. ACCORDING TO LAMB AND CROTTY, PRELIMINARY REPORT FOCUSES ON
TWO MAIN AREAS: (A) A MISSING BOLT IN AMIN ROTOR SWASHPLATE TO
STABILIZER BAR MECHANICAL CONTROL SYSTEM, IN ADDITION TO MGNSING
BOLT ITSELF, SEVERAL GASHES IN CERTAIN METAL PARTS LEND CREDENCE
TO THEORY THAT THE LOST BOLT WAS THE CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT. (B)
BLOOD TESTS ON FTHE PILOT WERE NEGATIVE, BUT SAMPLES OF TISSUES
HAVE BEEN FORWARDED BY APO TO NTSB WASHINGTON FOR FURTHER EXAMI-
NATION. THESE TESTS ARE CONSIDERED IMPORTANT BECAUSE PILOT WAS
ALSO INVOLVED IN A FATAL HELICOPTER CRASH IN SAUDI ARABIA LAST
YEAR.

3. POST WILL REMAIN IN CONTACT WITH CHAIRMAN OF INVESTIGATION
TEAM, SHEIKH AHMED ATRQ MDIN AND REPORT ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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